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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Annual Assessment of the Hostile Intelligence Threat and  
US Countermeasures [ ]

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1. National Security Decision Directive No. 2 requires the Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence (SIG-I), inter alia, to submit to the NSC an overall annual assessment of the relative threat to United States interests from intelligence and security services of foreign powers, including an assessment of the effectiveness of the United States counterintelligence activities. The most recent assessment was submitted in accordance with this requirement on 25 January 1984. [ ]

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2. Intelligence Community preoccupation with the hostile presence options issue has unavoidably delayed preparation of this year's assessment. Furthermore, it is my belief that a return to a March submission date will result in a more comprehensive product covering a full calendar year. [ ]

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3. Therefore, submission of the annual assessment for 1984 will be rescheduled for delivery in March 1985. [ ]

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